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1862
Feb 6th
Camp Observation
Dear Mother

I received a Box several days ago but have been waiting for an answer to My Letter containing My Pay, a couple of days after we got paid off I put $20 Dollars in a Letter and sent it off., I hope you have got it and put it in the Bank with the other money of mine., that Turkey was a large one And gave us plenty of good Eating, did you put all the Letter stamps in the Letter for I did not find any in the Box
if they should send a Box to John Steptoe put in a coupl of my check shirts for under shirts, I have not seen John [John C. Steptoe] for sometime as he is still at work on the Block House, I wish You would put a gold dollar in your next Letter for I want a little change And Treasury notes are no use here, if you have not answered the Letter with the money do it as soon as You get this... Every afternoon we all have to go out in Battalion And load and fire as if we were in Battle first we all fire at once and then we fire in companies And then we all fire as fast as we can load, You would think all the fire crackers in town were going off to hear us,
When we fire in Battalion 1200 Men all fire at once, And a little piece off 1000 more are firing at the same time,, if this Regiment ever gets in Battle They will hurt somebody I think,,

Tell Mr Walton [Alfred Walton] that we are all well And are only waiting for the Roads to get hard enough for artillery to make an advance,, While we were firing th other day on of the Boys got his ranrod fast in his gun when He blazed away shooting the rod away into another camp,,

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